

Proclamation

WHEREAS, "Preparedness Month" creates a significant opportunity for every Citizen of Louisiana to learn ways to prepare for all-hazard emergencies; and

WHEREAS, one of the most profound duties of government is ensuring the safety and security of its citizens during emergencies and disasters; and

WHEREAS, all citizens have a responsibility to contribute to their own safety and security as part of a larger effort to strengthen the capability of the State; and

WHEREAS, the combined and coordinated efforts of federal, state, tribal and local governments, private businesses, and citizens are critical to the protection of our well being; and

WHEREAS, citizens preparedness organizations including Citizen Corps, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and on-going public education campaigns focused on crime, health and fire safety and among other strive to prepare citizens for all-hazard emergencies; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all Louisianans to seriously contemplate the state of their personal preparedness, strive to meet the challenge of increasing self reliance and recognize the need to provide provisions for families in case of any emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2006, as

PREPAREDNESS MONTH

in the State of Louisiana.

Secretary of State



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